

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is requested. Claims 1-29 are currently pending, with claims 1, 8 and 23 being independent.

AN EXAMPLE EMBODIMENT OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

In at least one example embodiment, a second data processing device, 13, 13' and 13'' (e.g., of FIG. 1), are used not only allows presentation of data to a non-technical user, but may also allow the non-technical user to alter patient record data. (*See, e.g., Applicants' Specification*, [0027].) Further, as stated in paragraph [0028],

The concept of locally alterable report masks makes it possible to support any number of report masks and to add new report masks for needs which arise in the future. At the same time, the format of the actual database, the electronic patient record, remains undisturbed, and the database therefore continues at all times to be based on the specifications which governed its admission at that time.

As such, a non-technical user (e.g., a user without knowledge of the syntax of data objects including user data) may use the second processing device 13, 13' and 13'' to modify both the data and a report mask displaying data while the format of the actual database, the electronic patient record, remains undisturbed, and the database therefore continues at all times to be based on the specifications which governed its admission at that time.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejects 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Bocionek (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0087359, herein "Bocionek") in view of Kesselman (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0233366, herein "Kesselman") and further in view of Lassesen (U.S. Patent No. 6,560, herein "Lassesen"). Applicants traverse this rejection.

Bocionek is directed to a medical system architecture including operating consoles capable of processing images and viewing workstations. In particular, Bocionek is directed towards distributing information to be processed to the various operating consoles so the one console does not become overloaded while another operating console is available.

Kessellman is directed to an external database monitoring system with formatted report monitoring information. The system described in Kesselman monitors a plurality of databases and sends a report to various users when an action occurs in one of more of the plurality of databases.

Lassenen is directed to a method for submitting bulk updates on the World Wide Web. In particular, a user receives data from a server, modifies the data and then resubmits the modified data to a server via a web browser.

Regarding the above references, Bocionek fails to even disclose reports or report masks used to illustrate data, and Kessellman and Lassenen merely describe reports used to illustrate data. Even if Lassenen does disclose altering data shown in a report (which Applicants do not admit), neither Bocionek, Kessellman nor Lassenen disclose, teach or suggest altering data in a report as well as altering the report itself. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that these references fail to disclose teach or suggest a “second data processing device uses report masks, generateable and alterable by the user to present and alter data from data objects, even without knowledge of the syntax of the data objects,” as recited in independent claim 1 or the somewhat similar features of independent claims 8 and 23.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-29 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

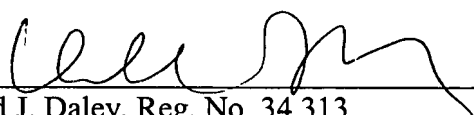
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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